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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 3, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

THANKING MY CAMPAIGN TEAM AND SUPPORTERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, another group that I would like to pause and thank is my campaign team and supporters.

It is amazing how diverse this group is. They are young and old; they are rich and poor; they live in towns, villages, and isolated country roads. While conservative in ideology, they identify as Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians, and even Independents.

These are the people who walked in parades; they helped pass out balloons, candy, and political literature; they carried signs; they put up and took down political signs of all sizes; they helped stuff mail and phone-bank; they organized fundraisers, both big and small; they manned booths at county fairs.

What causes people to give up their time, their talents and possessions to a candidate, party, or cause? It is at the heart of a representative democracy, our constitutional Republic.

If someone is going to cast a vote for you, shouldn't you know their beliefs?

If you feel strongly about an issue, wouldn't you want to help a kindred spirit?

I started to run for Federal office 28 years ago, unsuccessful then. I was successful 4 years later.

When asked in 1992 what I stood for, I replied:

Less government, individual responsibility, lower taxes, and more personal freedoms and liberties.

I followed immediately with:

I am pro-life, and I support the Second Amendment, and I am a churchgoer.

My volunteers subscribe to these values. They decided not only to vote for me, but they also actively engaged in campaign activities.

Mr. Speaker, one way to thank my volunteers and supporters is to list their names in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, which I am doing today. They are:

Mayor Al Adomite, Floyd Alexander, Kirby Ballard, Sue Barfield, Steve Barker, Rhonda Belford, Bill Bethel, Ruth Buettner, Glen Bolger, Pat Brady, Jen Daulby, Rosalee Davis, Marty and Donna Davis, Sherri Long Deeder, Mayor Dick Dietz, Chris Dudley, Sue (and Jack) Dwyer, Bill Enlow, Bruce and Matt Flannigan, The Tony Fuhrman Family, Mayor Allen Gaffner, Kenny and Joni Garret, Andy Goleman, Brad Goodrich, Wally and Evie Gorski, Wes and Rene Gozia, Brad Graven.

Doug Hartman, Karen Hasara, Holly Healey, Brian Heckert, Bob Hermismeyer, Dennis Herrington, Nita Hill, Mark and Elaine Hoffman, Nancy Kimme, Bob Kjellander, Gwen Klinger, Doug Knebel, Lynn Koch, Gale and Pat Koelling, Greg Knott, J.C. Kowa, Kevin Kuneth, Keith and Judy Loemker, Kay Long, Tom and Robin Long, Senator David Luechtefeld, Curt and Lu Maddox, Tony Marsh, Mark and Carol Mestemacher, Don and Joanne Metzler, Guy Michael, Tom and Robin Long.

Kathy Lynch, Kathy Lydon, Andy and Judy Madonia, Tony Marsh, Mayor Billy McDaniel, State Representative Charlie Meier, Mark and Carol Mestemacher, Lois Olson, Bill and Emily Olson, Paul Palazollo, Katherine Parker, Randy Pollard, Richard Porter, Bob Radmacher, Ed and Meredith Ragsdale, Mark and Shirley Repking, Pat Roddick, Dora Rohan, Tim Schneider, The Schulte family, Tim Schneider, Randy Shroyer, Irv Smith, Tim Smith and Scott McPherson, Kristy Koch Stephenson, State Representative Ron Stephens, Richard Stubblefield, Steve Tomaszewski, Wes Tucker, Troy Uphoff, Senator Frank Watson, Don and Wanda Weder, Jim Wham, Bob Winchester, Sharon Woodward, Boone Wooden.

Mr. Speaker, there is always a risk when you recognize people and name names. Most of us, when we do that, forget someone who should have been mentioned. If I have done that, I apologize. My intent is not to exclude but to offer thanks.

Until I officially leave office, I can add names to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, so if I have forgotten you, let me know and I will submit your name.

Many of my supporters have died. I mourned their loss with their families. I tried to attend either the wake or the funeral. We also tried to send notes, memorials, or flowers, whatever was deemed appropriate at the time.

All of my colleagues here on both sides of the aisle share this experience.

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We would not be here without our supporters. We couldn't have survived our primary or general election without a core group of people who believed in us and would always answer the call when we needed them.

As long as we have people willing to, as Teddy Roosevelt said, step into the arena and we have people willing to support them, we as a nation will be fine.

My thanks to them, my volunteers and supporters.

FAREWELL TO CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HECK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on this floor for the last time. My purpose is to convey two simple thoughts: first, an expression of gratitude, foremost to my wife, Paula—we are newlyweds; we have only been married 44 years—and to my two sons. Their support has been the only reason that I have been able to do this.

I have been absent. I am sorry. I promise to do better.

Thank you as well to my staff. Every Member here knows we ain't nothing without them. We are just the ornament on the hood of the car, and they are the engine. They have both my undying love and gratitude.

Thank you to my colleagues. My life is enriched, and I am a better person for having known you.

And a very special callout to my dear, dear friend, albeit messy roommate, and an outstanding legislator, DEREK KILMER.

Last, thank you to the people of the 10th Congressional District of Washington, whom I affectionately but sincerely refer to as my bosses. You sent me here to represent a newly created congressional district. It has truly been my privilege. Thank you.

Second, a plea, a plea to all those who follow here: Please, please work to nurture this institution. Institutions sustain us, be they our houses of worship for our faith or this secular equivalent for our democracy. They get us through hard times, but only if we tend to them.

Citizens in a democracy have, of course, rights and responsibilities; Members of this institution, this body, likewise. We are all too aware of our rights here, but it is the responsibilities that bear emphasizing.

We have a responsibility to conduct ourselves in a civil fashion. It is self-evident that civic discourse in America has degraded; some would say that it has even become vulgar.

You know, it is hard to reach agreement with a colleague tomorrow that we have character assassinated today. So let us not measure our success in terms of the number of Twitter followers we have gathered through emotion-charged or clever attacks. Let us not define those with whom we disagree, even if that disagreement is profound, as "the other."

We live in a pluralistic society. Part of our responsibility is to figure out how the political Rubik's Cube comes together; getting to "yes" among different and competing points of view; fashioning a result where everyone can get up from the table, perhaps not with everything they sought, but with enough to vote "yes" while still being true to their values.

There is such a thing as principled compromise. Indeed, I believe that principled compromise is the only way we can move forward and lift up those around us in desperate need of our help.

Do we no longer believe that? Or did we forget it?

Where I have failed to live up to these ideals, I beg your forgiveness. I can only promise to keep trying.

Finally, I cannot help but think of the eternal wisdom of our former colleague, John Dingell, the longest serving Member of this Chamber in our Nation's history. When I arrived here, every first-term Member walked on down to where he sat and sought his advice, and he gave the same to everyone; the same to everyone. He would look us in the eye and say:

You have an important job—a very important job—and you are not a very important person.

Indeed, John taught us that we do not possess power, but that we only hold it in trust. For the privilege of holding the trust for these last 8 years, I am forever changed and forever grateful.

I am 2,300 miles out and headed home.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I permanently yield back.

NONCITIZEN VOTING VIA 1993 NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, this is my fourth speech in a series on voter fraud, election theft, and the Presidential election.

For emphasis, the Constitution mandates that Congress, not unelected Federal judges, renders the final verdict on who won the 2020 Presidential election.

Today, I begin addressing systemic flaws in America's election process that promote voter fraud and election theft, undermine America's election system, and threaten public trust in our Republic.

In America, only citizens are lawfully allowed to vote and control America's elections and destiny, yet, deplorably, in 1993, Democrats rammed through Congress the National Voter Registration Act that, incredibly, makes it illegal—illegal—to require proof of citizenship that prevents illegal aliens and noncitizens from registering to vote.

Why do Democrats undermine our Republic to make illegal alien and non-

citizen voting easier? To win elections, of course.

It is no secret to Democrats or Republicans that, consistent with a 2014 study by Old Dominion University and George Mason University professors, noncitizens and illegal aliens vote 80 percent of the time for Democrats.

Mr. Speaker, there are many tens of millions of illegal aliens and other noncitizens in America. In 2010, the Census found 11 million illegal aliens in America. A 2018 Yale study estimated as many as 22 million illegal aliens in America. There are simply so many, that no one can keep track of how many.

Similarly, no one knows how massive the illegal alien voting bloc is or how many voted in 2020. Hundreds of thousands? Oh, most certainly. Millions? Very likely.

But what we do know for sure is that the illegal alien voting bloc was large enough and critical enough to winning the Presidential race, that at the October 22 Presidential debate, Joe Biden openly and publicly solicited their illegal votes by promising: "Within 100 days, I am going to send to the United States Congress a pathway to citizenship for over 11 million undocumented people."

Think about that for a moment. A Presidential candidate on national TV promises amnesty and citizenship to illegal aliens in hopes of inspiring them to illegally register to vote and vote for that candidate.

If that brazen solicitation of illegal voting for up to 22 million illegal aliens is not criminal solicitation of voter fraud and election theft, it darn well ought to be.

And don't think for a moment that Joe Biden did not know exactly what he was doing. After all, on May 11, 1993, then Senator Joe Biden personally voted for the National Voter Registration Act that makes it illegal—illegal—to require proof of citizenship when illegal aliens and other noncitizens seek to register to vote.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans deserve an election system that stops voter fraud, prevents election theft, and accurately records only lawful votes cast by eligible American citizens. Unfortunately, America's election system is so riddled with systemic flaws that far too many elections are stolen from candidates and the American people.

In my judgment, that is exactly what happened in the 2020 Presidential election, where the election theft was so massive as to favorably compare to that old adage: You can't see the forest for the trees.

Again, in my judgment, if only lawful votes cast by eligible American citizens are counted, President Trump handily won the electoral college and a second term as President.

As such, it is my duty, under the United States Constitution, on January 6, if the required one Senator will join me, to object to and later vote to reject electoral college vote submissions from States whose election systems are so badly flawed as to render